

Thank you for allowing me to speak today on behalf of some of the residents who would be directly affected by the Boundary Commission's decision to allow the City of Three Rivers to annex the property in order to build a sports complex.

The majority of the homes that would abut the field are owned by senior citizens and the majority of which are located in Lockport Township. We have invested our time and our financial resources in obtaining safe, secure, and sustainable housing. For many of us, this will be the last home that we own in our lifetime. We were all told, when we either purchased or built our homes, that the field was zoned residential and the land would be used for housing. This was a major deciding factor for us in choosing to live in our current neighborhoods. The City of Three Rivers has continually refused to listen to our concerns and the townships concerns, so we respectfully bring them before you today for consideration:

We are concerned that our quality of life will be negatively affected by the noise and lights that come along with sports fields.

We are concerned about the traffic, as the design of the sports complex allows traffic to flow dangerously close to our homes as well as to encroach on the only entrance and exit to and from our properties.

We are concerned about the size of the crowds with so many fields proposed in such a small area. Trash is a major concern. The fields would be "land locked" by our homes and a senior community located directly to the north of the field and an assisted living community located directly to the south of the field.

We are concerned about our safety. Strangers would have access to our properties as the fields will be open and free flowing within feet of our backyards.

We are concerned about our property values being negatively affected by being so close to this sports complex.

We are concerned about the political interference of the supporters of this complex having a personal interest and benefiting personally from this annexation. An adjacent field is owned by the estate of the Mayor of Three River's deceased wife. Another adjacent field is owned by a developer who is currently in a 425 land transfer agreement with the City of Three Rivers, a 425 land transfer property which is directly adjacent to the field- The Meadows Condominiums.

Our final concern is that we, as a whole, were misrepresented time and time again the past year when dealing with local governmental decisions and the proposed sports complex property. Our opinions were never taken into consideration by the City of Three Rivers when deciding to purchase this property for the sports complex. We feel that this annexation would be an invasion on our homes and ask that the Boundary Commission find the City of Three Rivers petition to NOT be legally sufficient.